



Working with flood vulnerable communities

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Supporting and Representing Flood Risk Communities

Who are we?



- A national charity
- 13 employees
- Well in excess of 200 affiliated groups
- Projects across the country

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What we do...

- Help people to prepare for flooding
- Help them to recover their lives after flooding
- Work to put flood risk communities at the centre of policy making and operational delivery



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Why we are different



- Independent
- We empower people and communities affected by flooding to work effectively with partners
- We work in the spaces that others can't fill

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Working with communities

Citizen Control		
Delegated Power		
Partnership/ co-production		
Placation		
Consultation		
Informing		
Therapy		
Manipulation		

Impact of flooding ...





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Response to Recovery



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Flood Resilience Community Pathfinder



A pilot project to enable communities to find simple, effective ways to minimize their flood risk and improve levels of preparedness

- Aimed at helping communities to find effective local approaches to resilience.
- Started in 2013, 13 projects investing £5.2m: Defra contributed £4m.
- Variety of audiences targeted and different scales of intervention.
- Rigorous evaluations at both project and scheme level.
- Outcomes to help develop policy about what works at the community scale.
- Scheme report autumn 2015, final conference London 2nd December



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Outputs

Defra Flooding Resilience Community Pathfinder

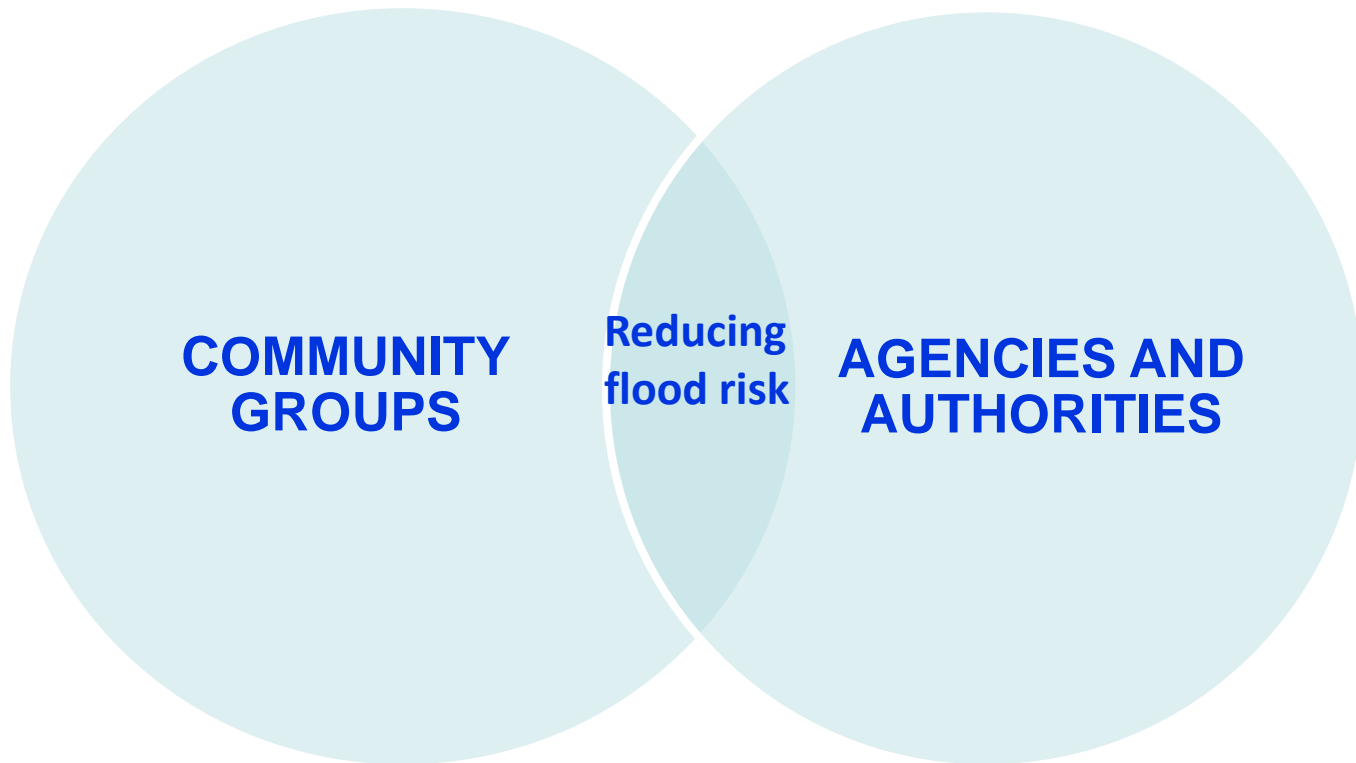


- 111 Flood Action Groups
- 800 businesses engaged
- 100 PLP schemes
- 100s Flood fairs, workshops, surgeries
- 100s practical drainage schemes
- 10s incident and flood plans
- 100s flood wardens, champions and volunteers



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Resilience and sustainability



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Practical results from communities taking the lead?




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Plans....

**WEST FELPHAM
FLOOD
RESILIENCE PLAN**

**WEST FELPHAM FLOOD ACTION
ASSEMBLY**
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
**BOGNOR REGIS NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH ASSOCIATION**

Version 1
Last Updated: [insert date]




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**NORTH BERSTED
FLOOD
RESILIENCE PLAN**

NORTH BERSTED FLOOD ACTION GROUP

Version: v1
Last Updated: 18.02.16




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**LITTLEHAMPTON
COMMUNITY
FLOOD
RESILIENCE PLAN**

LITTLEHAMPTON FLOOD ACTION GROUP
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

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St Denys, Southampton



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Networks of flood groups



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Future community support



You can't build flood defences everywhere, but you can work with every community to increase their flood resilience



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Thank you

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